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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 19-24, 27, 29 and 30 are pending in this application. Claims 19 and 27, which are independent, are hereby amended. Claims 1-18, 25, 26 and 28 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which the Applicants are entitled.

Independent claims 19 and 27 have been amended to incorporate features of claim 28 which was indicated as allowable. Therefore independent claims 19 and 27 are allowable.

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

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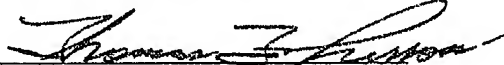
CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the
claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to
issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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